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	Title	Microplate Thermal Shift Assay Apparatus for Ligand Development and Multi-Variable Protein Chemistry Optimization	
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For: **Microplate Thermal Shift Assay Apparatus for Ligand Development
and Multi-Variable Protein Chemistry Optimization**
Inventors: Pantoliano *et al.*
Our Ref: 1503.011000E

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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
2. A true copy of prior application number 09/459,996; Filed: December 14, 1999;
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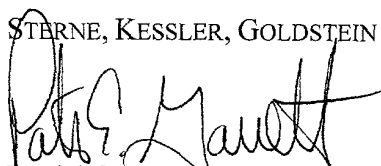
- a. A specification containing:
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 - (ii) 10 pages of claims (53 claims);
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